

**REMARKS**

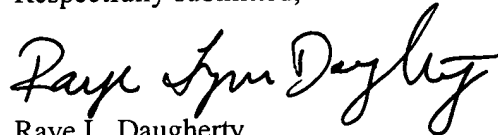
**STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

Applicants appreciate the allowance of Claims 7 and 11-17, and the indication that Claim 10 includes allowable subject matter. In order to put the application in condition for allowance, Applicants have amended Claim 10 into independent form and have cancelled Claims 1-6 and 8-9. The rejections of Claims 1-6 and 8-9 are thus moot.

**CONCLUSION**

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of pending Claims 7 and 10-17.

Respectfully submitted,



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